

WEST VIRGINIA NEWS



SK J. Stephen Wilson, 33°
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Greetings, to all Sir Knights and their Ladies in West Virginia:

What a great time we had at the 136th Annual Grand Conclave that was held in Wheeling. Again not only from myself, but on behalf of all Sir Knights of the State of West Virginia, I want to extend our heart felt thanks for an enjoyable time. All the Sir Knights worked so hard sharing their love of Templary and it was much appreciated. I congratulate Sir Knights Charles R. Witt and Michael E. "Gene" Weaver who were both awarded the prestigious Knight Templar Cross of Honor award. These Sir Knights are most deserving and I say again congratulations on your selection to Grand Encampment's highest award given to a Sir Knight.

Another high point at our Grand Conclave was the presence of Sir Knight Gregory A. Riley, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in West Virginia, who gave remarks during the Grand Conclave. The Grand Master's remarks were uplifting and an encouragement to all the Sir Knights and it was a real pleasure to have our Grand Master among us at Grand Commandery.

Thanks again to all the Sir Knights who remained, not only for my installation, and all the Grand Officers. I offer a sincere thank you to my installing officer team for their efforts.

I want to welcome Sir Knight Richard D. Riddle and Lady Anna Lea to our Grand Commandery line. Sir Knight Richard will be serving as Grand Sentinel for this Templar year. As outlined in my acceptance speech, I hope all the Sir Knights of West Virginia will take an activity role in Commandery starting today and will be a spirited part of "Team 2011" for Templary in West Virginia.

I salute the Sir Knights who attended the Memorial Day Parade in Grafton, West Virginia. I appreciate your efforts as we continue to keep the beauecant of Commandery held high in the public eye. We thank the faithful Sir Knights of DeMolay Commandery No. 11 of Grafton for hosting this event again this year. This Grand Commander appreciates your hospitality and dedication to perpetuating this event that honors our veterans.

Sir Knights even though our Templar year has just begun some Commanderies are already scheduling their inspections. I hope you will join with me in marking these dates so that we may be together and share fellowship, Templary and an overall good time. As my motto says - "If YOU want to enjoy Commandery, all YOU have to do is participate in Commandery."

Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous stumble.-Psalm 55:24

With Warm Fraternal Regards,
J. Stephen Wilson, Grand Commander

2010 – 2011 Inspections*

Wheeling #1 / Weirton #30, Wheeling, July 24, 1 PM open, meal to follow, Ladies invited, Inspecting Officer A. Leach

Pilgrim #21, Elkins, Sept. 18, 1 PM open, meal to follow, Ladies invited, Inspecting Officer J. Sluss

Huntington #9, Huntington, Oct. 23, 1 PM open, lunch at Noon, Ladies invited, Inspecting Officer R. Riddle

* - Please notify the Grand Recorder of additions or corrections to the schedule

Editors Note: If your Commandery or Division's inspection is not yet listed, either it is further out in time and will appear in a later edition or I did not get the details in time for publication. For publication in the August edition please have information to the Editor by June 25.

Grand Officers Meeting Schedule

July 24, 2010 – Wheeling, 10 AM, (SK G. H. Dotson, Sr., EGG)
October 23, 2010 – Huntington, 10 AM, (SK P. O. Davis, EGCG)
March 26, 2011 - Weirton, 10 AM, (SK E. E. Ball, VEDGC)
May 19, 2011 – at Grand Conclave, (SK J. S. Wilson, REGC)

New Grand Officers Appointed / Elected

SK J. Stephen Wilson, REGC appointed Sir Knight Richard D. Riddle, PC of St. Johns Commandery #8 as Grand Sentinel. Congratulations, Richard, and welcome to the Grand Commandery line.

SK Gene Ray Baker, PGC, was elected to the office of Grand Recorder. We extend our congratulations and wish him all the best as he takes on this new office. Thanks go to SK G. B. Adkins, PGC, for his service this past year as Grand Recorder.

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